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A WORTHLESS COMPARISON. A central thought in Captain Kent's he set up a comparison of the that this logic is accepted with ap-

Of the preposterous unfairness of comparison it is hardly necessary to speak. Of the States which Captain Kent knows. Of the neculiar cruel difficulties with which the by war, a population of blacks hangtrated in every conceivable way by the party which Captain Kent now represents and recommends, these States more generous and understanding tict, than it has elicited from Captain

overlooking and ignoring this above Johnson, of Minnesota; Judson Harmon, of Ohio: Marshall, of teach Virginia about the management

In the meantime, however, organizations elsewhere have gotten right recently the suggestion that a conference be called for Richmond, a proposal which was promptly welcomed fice by Secretary Quarles, of the Petersburg Chamber of Commerce, shows that that city had been ready for some time to call the conference of Roanoke abandoned it. The League of Virginia Municipalities, through its president, proposes that instead of holding a separate convention of their own, the organizers for commission government should send delegates to the annual convention of the league, to be held in Staunton on October 7 and 8. All of these suggestions are good, and the fact that they are made est in municipal reform, at least among the commercial and political we think that the call of Rosnoke

conference offers the ideal means of taking the first step.

tendencies; neither does the growing in Mr. Hill's estimation,

This warning is in the face of figdented figure of \$666,431,554 last year rapidly. At the same time, the justice diction may ere long be fulfilled.

ground. The transformation of Ameple. Diminished capacity, lessened vitality and debilitated national life must follow a general movement from

inger is not only complete, but enpathy with the fraudulent claims upon the Alaska coal lands is found to have been "In the public interest," The fact that Mr. Ballinger, immediately upon his resignation as the head of the General Land Office, became counsel for the Cunningham claimants, in alleged conflict with Section 190 of the Revised Statutes, is dismissed as not pertinent to the merits of the case. As Commissioner, he is found to have acquired only a "most formal" knowledge of the claims, including known to your clients when they consulted you." As Secretary he has "studiously declined to have any connection with the Cunningham claims, or to exercise any control over the at all is an evidence of healthy inter. store lands to the public domain, or

we think that the call of Roanoke should be heard above the others. To Roanoke is to be credited the first suggestion for a commission conference, and since that city, after all, still believes in its own idea, it seems proper that the gathering should take place there.

The original circular preposing this conference bore the date of May 28. From the Roanoke Evening World we learn that no reply to this invitation was ever received from the Richmond Chamber of Commerce. This, evidently, was an oversight. Our Beard of Aldermen, a night or two ago, would not consider a proposal to appoint a pommittee in me other municipal committees in a discussion of this game topic. But our chamber, st any 75tc, is favorably disposed, and may be counted on to send a committee. Roanoke, Norfolk, Lynchburg, Petersburg, Bristol, Staunton and Richmond may now be said to be fairly in line, banville, Portsmouth and Newport

Rooseveltism," certain to follow on his decision, the President seeks to answer rection should be within the law and guished service, would in any sense settle the real issue of Ballinger vs. Pinchot, or heal the administrational breach now fairly opened,

boundary dispute, and now we can all get a quiet night's sleep.

Mr. Taft is just fifty-two years old. However, he will feel a lot older after a few weeks' living on the low-grade diet of the West.

My Policies truculently desire to know whether they have been hit or

While "swinging around the circle" island might see if he can square it.

Portuguese pretender. Not every titled foreigner who marries an American helress admits that he is a pretender.

nently done with exploring. We sup-

The Washington Herald seems think that Texas is a big enough State to hold both the Culberson and Bailey to note both the Current and and better booms. But in figuring on this thing the Herald must remember that Texas is occasionally occupied by a party

we were assured that the price of efsteak, for instance, had reached

Twenty-one billion eggs have been produced in this country every year for the past ten years. Not only this, but we have reason to know that some of the 1899 billions are with us yet.

t leak in our roof, but we shall not assert it as a fact until we have heard

porary remarks, "says this is a government by the people." Well, it is. It got by them long ago. Like other much advertised mills, the

affair between Peary and Cook seems to have relapsed exclusively to a type-

Mr. McHarg knows how it feels, Mr.

WHAT OF BWANA TUMBO?

In the noise and general scientific umpus between the Peary and Cook artisans, the country has almost for-otten Bwana Tumbo, who is, sup-

The latest news from the mighty Mimrod was his consideration of the invitation to hunt elephants in Abyssinia. This invitation was by all odds the finest he eyer received. King Meneilk toid his son, the crown prince, to ask Roosevelt to come and slay elephants in Abyssinia. The program was colossal. The ex-President has now about 160 runners, beaters, gun carriers and periters. This is rather a formidable retinue, but it shrinks into nothingness in comparison with what King Meneilk proposes. The King has always had the reputation of being considerable of a sport, and in his plans to entertain Roosevelt he went the limit. He has provided 5,000 skilled horsemen to "beat up" 1,000 elephants and drive them past a sheltered rock where the great Bwana Tumbo can recline in a Morris chair and shoot the beasts in luxurious security, if he so elects. But the King did not stop there. He guaranteed a few white clephants, and issued orders to last the contribution of the contribution or to exercise any control over the course of the department in respect to those claims." In declining to restore lands to the public domain, or declining to withdraw them from settlement, he acted wisely and according to law.

Borrowed Jingles.

DISPUTE IN CACTUS CENTRE.

Down here in Cactus Centre we was gittin' somewhat peeved
As to just which pole explorer was to have his yarn believed;
We had took sides in the matter, and the poker game was shook,
While some rooted hard for Peary and the others yelled for Cook.

Pecos Johnson said, some sneerin', that the common daily feed
Of the most of Cool's supporters was a mess of loc weed,
Whereupon Bear Hawkins answered that it bothered him a heap
When he found that Pearry's boosters was Jest fit for herdin' sheep.

It was then, or shortly after, that the barkeep ducked his head,
'Cause the atmosphere was vibrant with the song of flyin' lead;
There was sounds of busted glasses, and the door was clean unhinged.
When he drifted to the sidewalk, somewhat punctured, bruised and singed.

Now we're strivin', here in Cactus, for to keep abreast to things.
But we've drawed one line, quite firmly, sence we counted up our stings;
And 'f any North Pole hunter comes to lecture, at high cost,
We'll inform him, ere he opens, that he's bound to git a frost,

-Denver Republican,

I don't approve of these solitary dashed The Disadvantage.

nier Uniy Regret.

The Bride: "Oh, darling, our honeymoon was just the levellest ever."

The Bride: "And I have only one regret—
I may never have the pleasure of going through another."—Chicago Dally News.

"Why did Eve give Adam the apple?"
"I suppose she wanted to get rid of the fruit so as to wear the basket for a hat."—
Illustrated Bits.

To He Just in Fashion,
First Milliner: "You have designed the
North Pole hat?"
Second Milliner: "Yes, it will be a matter
of dispute between the purchaser and her
husband."—New York Sun.

Natural Imbeellity. He: "It has been said that a woman can make a fool of any man. Do you believe

And Pays for Them Too. Knicker: "Time brings strange changes." Bocker: "Yes; the boy whose mother can't make him wash his neck grows up to be a rich man who goes abroad for baths." —Harper's Bazar.

MILDLY SUGGESTED.

WHILE British adventurers are prepar-ing to strive for the South Pole, it is to be devouity hoped, for the peace of the scientific world, that no two of them will bring the pole back with them at about the same time.—St. Louis Republic.

KANSAS BANK BUNCO.

Guarantee of Deposits in This Institution a Veritable Farce.

On July 23, 1909, the Bank Commissioner of the State of Kansas sent a
letter to a Kansas bank which is now
being used by the bank as a standing
advertisement. At the head of the letter is the great sent of the Sunflower
State, and the words, "State of Kansas," in large letters. The text of the
communication is as follows:

"My Dear Sirs,—Report of examination of your bank by Deputy Bank Examiner M. M. Howley, July 16, 1909,
has reached this department. I find
upon thorough scrutiny of this reporthat your bank is in excellent condition and cligible under the bank
deposit guaranty law, and I hereby
accept your bank, and your deposits
are now guaranteed."

Probably the diligent lawyer on
reading this communication would
hunt up the statute book and ascer-

great State of Kansas that his money in that bank was absolutely secured. Just how minute the real security was on July 22 we are unable to say, but we are able to say that wo weeks later there was a guaranty fund of \$3.500 covering \$7.500.000 or deposits, with what is called the good faith fund of about \$31,000 back of that, the total security being less than \$35,000 back of \$7.500,000 deposits.

We are further able to say that that communication was false in that only a part of the deposits in the bank were secured in any way whatever. On the date mentioned the breaking of one bank would have wiped out both funds and ended the scheme, and that is still true.

The Courts of Europe

By La Marquise de Fontenoy.

Joins Pugnacious Family.

RS. HENRYS S. KERR, widow of Henry S. Kerr, of New York, and daughter of John W. Grace, also of that city, in wedding the Hon. Charles Greville, eldest son and heir of Lord Greville; in London, on November 1

when on July 23 we are unable to say, that two weeks later there was a guaranty fund of \$3,500 evering \$7,500,000 orgonics, with what is cube back of that, the total security being less than \$35,000 back of \$7,500,000 deposits. We are further able to say that two the security being less than \$35,000 back of \$7,500,000 deposits. We are further able to say that the bank were secured in any way whater the security being and the security being and the bank were secured in any way whater the security being the deposits in the bank were secured in any way whater the security being t

Tariff and Industrial Conditions in England

By ZACH McGHEE.

TODMORDEN, ENGLAND, August | important functionaries, get more. The 22.—I "bilked" back here to take tea with the schoolmaster, who lives in one of the little stone cottages beside the road. A remarkably sensible and enterprising man is this schoolmaster. I knew that before I saw him, because he married a Kentucky girl. "I tried at first to lure him to old Kentucky or to Indiana, where my people now live," she said, "but when we considered the uncertainty of a teacher in America and the high prices of everything in proportion to the pay, we decided that we had better stay where we knew we could get along."

Todmorden is a little village of 25,000 people, principally cotton mill operatives, set down in a most picturesque tyaley. Near nightfall, as I rode along the road looking at the beautiful green mills on each side, just outside of the village I noticed a man strolling and the village I noticed a man strolling and the peantiful scenery.

"I used to work in the city, in Manichester," he told me after I dismounted and we began to talk, "but I it was too black. When I looked out of the windows I couldn't see anything green; no hills, nor fields, nor meadows. I spent all my money there, too, for I wasn't a teototaler then. So I came here, and there, and they mill; shough most of them never came from the city. They were born here, and their mothers and fathers, their grandmothers and grand and the legendary for the mills, structurally almost barren, like some of our wild mountain districts of the Scuth and West; but a country throbing with industry, living in the present, not in the past. They do not have to leave their homes to crowd in city tenements or comfortless factory and the road long the r

Voice of the People.

Compiled With Law.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch;
Sir,—Judge S. W. Williams happened
in Orange this morning, on his way
from Rappahannock, and his attention
being called to the publication in the
newspapers to the effect that he was
subject to a fine for failure to comply with what is known as the "Barksdale Pure Election Law," and for failure on his part to make return of his
expenses in the recent primary to the issue the certificates of election in the primary to the successful candidate, and therefore no return is required by the law to be made to the Secretary of the Commonwealth in a primary of the Commonwealth, and the report of the Commonwealth, and the clerk of the Circuit Court of the county in which the candidate resides.

I write this in justice to Judge Williams. GEO. S. SHACKELFORD.

Orange, Va., September 14.

For Fair Assessments.

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Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

Sir,—As the time is here to appoint assessors, please insist the judges to any first of the time and the state of the state of the state agents' books and strike an average to get a fair valuation. I know age to get a fair valuation. I know the soid land for \$50 per acre that is soid land for \$50 per acre that was assessed at \$7. and know of land assessed at \$7. and know of land assessed at \$50 selling at \$200 per acre. Now, let the State get its taxes from licenses, franchises, etc., and not touch land or personal property, but leave that for basis of county taxes, and then let each county, town and city appoint a board of equalization and collect these taxes from the visible real estate and personal property owned in any one fall to give in such property, tax it double if found by others than owner. Insist on our judges to apport members of the fourth region to the mappoint a real estate agent. The Blody Fifth. I was a member of the Fourth Region of the manes our gallant Stuarts agave his five regiments were as follows:

"The Rogulsh Fifth"; Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

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"The Reguish Fifth";
Editor of The Times-Dispatch:
Sir I noticed in your paper today there will be a reunion of the
survivors of the Fifth Virginia Cavairy, known as the "The Bloody Fifth."
I was a member of the Fourth Regiment the whole war, and my recollection of the names our gallant Stuart
gave his five regiments were as follows: "Gallant First." "Charging Second." "Bandbox Third." "Bloody
Fourth" and "Reguish Fifth." This
was always my understanding during
the war, and I am sure is correct. I
only want to call your attention to this,
as I do not care to be deprived of the
honor of my regiment.

Co. B. Fourth Virginia Cavalry,
Huguenot, September 14.

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Ronnoke and the National Highway.

Roanoke is to be known on that national highway as "half way point," a designation that means much. Roanoke thus becomes probably the most imperiant city on the road between New York and Atlanta. Shall Roanoke be kept in that excellent place? That is to be determined by action of the citizens. A few Roanoker have succeeded in bringing that voust temporarily through this city. It now behoves larger action of the general two behoves larger action of the general compensation of the Commerce. The Retail Merchands of Commerce, the Retail Merchands of Councils. Every middle of the Councils of the Councils

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA